

In the Claims

Amend claims 1, 7, 8, 10, 40, and 41, and cancel claims 5, 6, 9, 13, and 14, all without prejudice, as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for aggregating termites to a location comprising providing a composition ~~comprising which~~ comprises a nitrogen containing compound and a bait matrix ~~selected from the group consisting of ammonium salts and amine containing compounds exclusive of naturally occurring amino acids of proteins, polypeptides, or proteins, in an amount effective to stimulate termites to feed or mask the unattractiveness of other compounds or both,~~ to the locus of said location which is accessible to termites and where a food source other than said composition is available to the termite, wherein said nitrogen containing compound is selected from the group consisting of urea and uric acid, and said bait matrix comprises a cellulosic material, said nitrogen containing compound being provided in an amount effective to stimulate termites to feed or mask the unattractiveness of other compounds or both, and wherein the total concentration of said nitrogen containing compound plus any endogenous amino acids, polypeptides, and proteins in said bait

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~~matrix is between about 10 in said composition is less than or~~
equal to about 1000 ppm, and further wherein said nitrogen
containing compound is not present in a termiticidally effective
amount.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said
composition further comprises a termiticide in a termiticidally
effective amount.

3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said
composition further comprises water.

4. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein said
composition further comprises a humectant.

5. (canceled).

6. (canceled).

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7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said cellulose containing material comprises wood, and the total concentration of said nitrogen containing compound plus endogenous amino acids, polypeptides, and proteins in said wood, is ~~less than or equal~~ between about 10 to about 1000 ppm.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said composition further comprises a termiticide in a termiticidally effective amount, and water, ~~and a bait matrix~~.

9. (canceled).

10. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~9~~ 8 wherein said cellulose containing material comprises wood, and the total concentration of said nitrogen containing compound plus endogenous amino acids, polypeptides, and proteins in said wood, is ~~less than or equal~~ between about 10 to about 1000 ppm.

11. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said composition further comprises a humectant.

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12. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said composition further comprises a colorant effective for marking subterranean termites.

13-39. (canceled). - CLAIMS 15-39 BY AMENDMENT A -

40. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~14~~ 1 wherein said nitrogen containing compound is uric acid.

41. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~14~~ 1 wherein said nitrogen containing compound is urea.

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Add new claim 42 as follows:

42. (new) The method of claim 1 wherein the total concentration of said nitrogen containing compound plus any endogenous amino acids, polypeptides, and proteins in said bait matrix is between about 100 to 500 ppm.